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Panel 3 - Computer Interface & Alarm Management

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Computer Interface & Alarm Management

- Core Area 8 SCADA Displays
 - Presents the Main Line System(s) Safety
 Critical Information Clearly to Operator
 - Keep Miscellaneous Pump/Compressor Station Details Elsewhere
 - Maximize Use of Simple Color Graphics
 - Avoid Information Overload Phenomena
 - Presentation/Screen Overload?
 - Page or Multiscreen Spread
 - Keep Primary Mainline Page Simple
 - Even for Complex Systems
 - Clearly Flag Abnormal Operation to Controller

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Core Area 9 - Alarm Management and Analysis

- Alarm Tracking
 - Number
 - Type
 - Priority Grouping (Color Flags)
 - Graphics Presentation
 - Don't "Lose" Critical Records

– Who Else is Reviewing Alarms Daily?

- Up the Management Chain
 - Beyond Control Center
 - Is There a System Exposure / Trend?

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Concluding General CRM Guidance

- CRM Regs Can Be Performance Based
 - Address High Level Core Concepts
 - Don't Get Mired in Details or Volume
 - PHMSA Has Demonstrated In-House Technical Capability to Develop Such Regs on This Matter
 - Incorporating SCADA Hierarchy is Critical
 - Slow Down Do This Right
 - Human Performance & Training Only Part of This Important Issue
 - Must Be Auditable and Enforceable
- Mandate Retention of Certain SCADA Records
 - Types of Information
 - Retention Time of Computer Critical Records